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ELIZABETH

How down they down dropped faces,
Bending over the open book,
With their fingers on the page,
And their earnest, studious look,
While his voice rang in their ears,
Sometimes raised in sweet surprise,
Dearest maid that ever drew breath,
Wistful maid, Elizabeth!

Would I were a poet, love!
All for thee my rhymes should flow,
Would I were a carrier dove,
On thy errands swift to go,
Would I were a devotee,
At thy beauty's shrine to be,
Lowliest maid that ever drew breath,
Rare, sweet maid, Elizabeth!

I'm in love with thee, dear one!
Do you know it? Have you guessed it?
I am glad at last 'tis done—
Glad I have at last confessed it—
Glad if love has found you too,
And your heart to mine is true;
Glad if only one light breath
Whispers "Yes"—Elizabeth!

—Boston Transcript.

TRYING TO DEFEAT THE LAW.

Clever Imitation of an Idiot Given by a
Shrewd Professional Crook.

They were talking of the shrewdness of
thieves and criminals when brought into
the central charged with any offense, and
in the course of the conversation Detective
McKee spoke of Louis Fisher.

"There was the toughest guy I ever had
to handle," said he. "From a really good
boy he developed into an vicious criminal
I never saw. Years ago, where the Chi-
cago Opera house now stands, was the old
Trotter, and Fisher, Sr., once had the lease
of the place. In those days beer gardens
were fashionable, and there was always to
be found a great number of pleasure seekers
seated about the tables. Here it was that
Louis was brought up, and as a matter of
course he met many clever crooks who
would visit the place for 'grat'."

"When the boy was 15 years old he one
day disappeared with two stylishly dressed
fellows who had been hanging about the
place for several weeks. On inquiry it was
discovered that the men were skilled burglars
and that they wanted the boy to climb over
transoms. So well did he succeed in his
new duties that he became noted as an ex-
pert. His father was well to do, and
though he tried in every way to locate his
boy he could not do it."

"Things ran along after this fashion for
four or five years, when suddenly I came
face to face with Louis, now a man, on
Clark street. I arrested him, knowing
him to be a thief. Then I told the old man
and he came over to the station to see the
boy. But it was useless. The young fel-
low refused to give up his life, and said in
a sullen way to me: 'You can't prove any-
thing on me. I have not yet done any
work in Chicago.' I took him into court,
and there on his own confession he was
'given away.'"

"He didn't leave the city, however, and
I determined to hunt him up again, be-
cause I knew he was a dangerous man to
run at large."

"Finally, in company with two other
officers, we located our man on Van Buren
and Clark streets in a dingy room with
several of his pals. We waited for him to
come down, ready to pounce on him on
sight. A few hours later Louis and his
chums showed up and we waited them.
But we had a fight on our hands before we
got them to the station. Then, going back
to their den, we made the women we found
there tell us where the plunder of the ro-
bbers was hidden. Louis, however, and per-
suasion we were finally shown over \$1,000
worth of jewelry, clothing, cloth and truck,
the result of sneak work in residences."

"When we showed the stuff to the pris-
oner he suddenly became idiotic—that is,
he appeared to be. But my chiefs—Capt.
John Shea and Capt. McLaughlin—knew
him and they laughed at him. They tried
to catch him in various ways, but could
not. Once before in the past he had played
the dodge so well that he was sent to an
asylum, from which he soon after made
his escape. He was trying the same thing
here in Chicago. He would bite his fingers
until the wounds ran with blood, and he
would laugh hysterically at the blood as it
dripped to the floor. He refused to eat,
and instead would throw himself on the
floor and lick up the dirt with great gusto."

"But it failed to work, for his eastern
experience had been investigated, and so
clear a case was made out against him that
he was sent to Joliet for ten years, many
of the owners of the stolen property giving
their evidence. Besides one of his pals
turned state's evidence, and that settled
him."

"He then gave up his shamming, and
threatened to kill both myself and his pal
if he ever lived to get out of prison. And
I guess he'll try it, too, when he gets out.
But he played the crazy dodge fine, and I
have not the slightest doubt if he had not
discovered his scheme when we did he
would have gone to Kankakee and thence
to his liberty."—Chicago Mail.

Brains.
For a long time it was supposed that the
relative weight of the brain as compared
with the body was greater in man than in
any of the lower animals, but, alas for
man's vanity, it is now known that
some of the smaller South American mon-
keys have, proportionally, a larger share
of brain than our noble selves. On the
other hand, however, man carries more
weight in his cranium than any other
breathing creature except the elephant
and the whale.

As a rule the human brain increases in
gravity-specific gravity, of course—up to the
20th or 25th year, and after the "age of
discretion" till the 40th year usually re-
mains in statu quo. After 40 the organ in
most cases begins to wither. It continues to
decrease in volume more rapidly as we
grow older, and in those who are unhappy
enough to reach the seventh stage of "sen-
ile childishness and mere oblivion" there
is nothing left of it worth mentioning.

As a proof that the weight of the en-
cephalic mass determines to a considerable
extent the amount of intellectual power it
may be stated that when the former is
less than thirty-two ounces—forty-nine
ounces for the male and forty-four for the
female brain are the average—idiotcy or
partial imbecility invariably accompanies
the defect. The heaviest brain on record
is that of Cuvier, the great naturalist,
which weighed sixty-four ounces.—New
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When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria,
When she became a Woman, she clung to Castoria,
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

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